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Title: The Acceptability and Feasibility of an Intercultural Birth Center in the Highlands of Chiapas, Mexico

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Dear Dr Acosta,

Please accept the revised version of our paper titled “The Acceptability and Feasibility of an Intercultural Birth Center in the Highlands of Chiapas, Mexico” which we hope you will consider publishing in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

We have made revisions requested as follows:

1. We have no competing interests – added to end of MS.

2. Author contributions were as follows: KT carried out the research in the field, conducted the data analysis and drafted the manuscript. HO and RG participated in the design of the study, it’s coordination and in guiding the analysis of data. KS and AC participated in interpretation of findings and contributed to writing the manuscript. MB oversaw data analysis and helped draft the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript. – added to end of MS.

3. Ethics Statement: This research was conducted as part of a larger research agenda under the auspices of ECOSUR in Chiapas, Mexico for which required ethical approval has been obtained. Furthermore, under Mexican IRB guidelines this particular study does not require IRB approval due to the non-invasive nature of the study on a topic that is not highly sensitive. Permission was obtained to conduct this particular study from the Jurisdictional Chief - Dra Lety Montoya. Verbal informed consent was obtained from all participants. – added to end of methods section.

4. Acknowledgments: Leticia Montoya, head of the Health District Management Team of Los Altos Region and Elena Gómez and Natalia Gómez, translators. There was no funding for this study. – Added to end of MS.

We thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Baker